Prisoners in Tihar Jail

*437. SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
SHRI L. GANESAN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total number of undertrial prisoners in Tihar Jail as on date;

(b) what is the number of those in jail for more than one year;

(c) what is the total number of convicts in Tihar Jail;

(d) whether it is a fact that Tihar Jail is presently over crowded;

(e) if so, what steps are being proposed to ease the situation;

(f) whether Sub-Divisional Magistrate pays frequent visits to Tihar Jail as per the directives of the Supreme Court and also submits reports; and

(g) if so, how many complaints were received since then and also the action taken on them?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) There were 2,233 undertrial prisoners in Tihar Jail as on 17th August, 1985.

(b) 280 undertrial prisoners have been in the Jail for more than one year.

(c) At present there are 724 convicts in Tihar Jail. Besides the undertrial prisoners and convicts there are another 43 NSA and COFEPOSA detenus lodged in the Tihar Jail.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) A new jail at Mandoli is under construction and it will accommodate about 2,000 prisoners. The capacity of the existing District Jail is also being increased through further constructions.

(f) Yes, Sir.

(g) There have been only a few minor complaints which were sorted out on the spot by the visiting Magistrates and the Superintendent, Tihar Jail.

Import of Computers

*438. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the import of computers below 300 Megabyte level of memory has been banned;

(b) whether import of personal computers also remains banned; and

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT; ATOMIC ENERGY, SPACE AND ELECTRONICS (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Import of computers including personal computers for configuration less than 1 magabyte of main memory and 300 megabyte of disc capacity is not allowed on DGL. However, such computers may be allowed for import on a case to case examination by Department of Electronics from the essentiality and indigenous angles. As such there is no ban on import of such computers including personal computers.

(c) Does not arise.

Soviet offer for Turnkey Projects

@*438-A. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the USSR have offered to set up turnkey projects in India;

(b) if so, whether Government have any proposal to seek Soviet collaboration in respect of such projects; and

(c) what are the details in this regard;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI KHURSHID ALAM KHAN):

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